

REMARKS

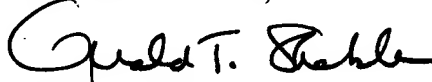
In the above-identified Office Action the Examiner has objected to Claim 3 because of a noted informality. This informality has been corrected by the above amendments and as a result this claim is now considered acceptable.

Claims 1 and 6-17 and 21 have been rejected as unpatentable over Rybicki et al in view of O'Toole. Claim 9 has been rejected over Rybicki in view of O'Toole and further in view of Foley. Claims 18-19 have been rejected as unpatentable over Rybicki in view of O'Toole and further in view of Xu. Claim 20 has been rejected as unpatentable over Rybicki in view of O'Toole and further in view of Chao. However, claims 3-5 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the above amendment, applicant has combined Claims 1 and 3 and, as a result, considers all pending claims – 1 & 4-21 to be allowable.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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